

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : (a) (i) Copra Bh. Rs. 1,50,528.
(ii) Coir Bh. Rs. 3,48,215.

(b) Information regarding expenditure incurred by the Government on the collection of duties on the above articles alone is not possible to furnish.

Bridge on the Nedumangad—Shorlaccde road.

67. *MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the inconvenience to the public due to the collapse of the bridge at the 6th mile stone on the Nedumangad Shorlaccde road during the floods in 1108 which is left unrepaired up to this; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to restore the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) Yes. The bridge was damaged during the heavy rains of Kanni 1109.

(b) An estimate has been sanctioned for the work which is awaiting execution for want of funds.

The Traffic Committee.

68. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Traffic Committee was appointed; and

(b) the recommendations, if any, made to Government by the Committee up to 31st Mithunam 1112, with the particulars of each?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (a) 26-10-1936.

(b) The Committee has recommended that the Trivandrum Nagercoil bus route be taken over and operated by Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Has any period been fixed, in the communique appointing the Committee, for the submission of the report?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I do not think so.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: How many sittings were held up to the end of Mithunam 1112?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Six meetings were held, and papers were also circulated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether all these six meetings were for this purpose?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Absolutely.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reasons which weighed with the Government for not appointing a single non-official to serve on this Committee?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Government appointed a Committee which they thought would carry out the purpose best.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I ask whether the Banking Enquiry Committee appointed by Government recommended the constitution of a Traffic Board consisting of officials and non officials?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I have no information of what the banking Enquiry Committee did.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I submit, Sir, that I am asking questions, not to any individual member personally, but to the Government who certainly ought to know about the Banking Enquiry Committee's Report.

PRESIDENT: The Government is a corporate body and questions can be put only to individual members representing Government; in this instance, Mr. Truscott is in charge of the subject. Further, the question does not need an answer since the information asked for is available to the member himself.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have considered the recommendations made by the Banking Enquiry Committee?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum-Town): May I know whether the Transport Committee has considered the financial aspects of the proposal of taking over the Trivandrum-Nagercoil Bus Service?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the rate that the Committee has fixed as fair rate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The recommendations of the Committee are confidential.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Am I to take it that no particulars contained in the report can be obtained here?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, except the information that has been given today.

Sub-Treasury at Chengannur.

69. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any written representation regarding the opening of a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur; and

(b) the step taken hitherto on such representation?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (Financial Secretary to Government): (a) A representation has been received from the member himself.

(b) The question is under consideration.

The Kollakadavu Bridge.

70. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have considered the question of constructing the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road; and

(b) the steps hitherto taken towards the construction of the bridge?